you! Visit us online: www.CatchTheCOMET.org Email us: info@CatchTheCOMET.org

Call us: (803) 255-7100 or 711 through the relay service Fax us: (803) 255-7113

Contact our Executive Director/CEO:

John Andoh at (803) 255-7087 or email: john.andoh@CatchTheCOMET.org Write or visit us: Lowell C. Spires, Jr Regional Transit Facility, 3613 Lucius Road, Columbia, SC 29201. Open Monday-Friday, excluding holidays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Route 6 and DART come to the facility).

Attend our Board of Directors Meetings: The COMET Board of Directors meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Meeting details, members, agendas and minutes are available on our website or by calling us.

>> Customer Service

- Visit the COMET Central located at 1745 Sumter Street, Columbia. It is open 7 days a week from 5 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. Customer Service is available Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Sundays and Holidays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Call Center telephone hours are available Monday-Friday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Sundays and Holidays from 7 a.m.
- to 7 p.m. • DART reservations can be made Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fares: Effective January 28, 2019

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	Basic	Discount*	Express
One Way	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$4.00
All-Day Pass	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$6.00
7-Day Pass	\$14.00	\$7.00	\$28.00
31-Day Pass	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$80.00
Route Deviation Fare (Flex Routes)	+ \$2.00	+ \$1.00	N/A
Express Route Upcharge	+ \$2.00	+ \$1.00	N/A
Transfer (60 minutes only)	FREE	FREE	N/A
Soda Cap	FREE	FREE	N/A

*Discount Fares are available to:

call (803) 255-7100 for details.

Connector

• Seniors ages 65 years old and older with ID Persons with Disabilities with The COMET Half Fare ID

- Medicare Card Holders with ID • Youth ages 16-17 years old with The COMET Half Fare ID
- Veterans with a Military ID, Veterans ID or DD-214 form • Half Fare ID Cards can be obtained at COMET Central. Call (803) 255-7100 for more details.
- The COMET offers free programs for DART passengers, youth 39 inches to 15 years old, students in middle and high schools in Richland and Lexington Counties and selected employers. Visit www.CatchTheCOMET.org or
- Santee Wateree RTA transfers are accepted for no additional cost.

*Qualifying identification for Discount fare includes: The COMET Half Fare ID Card, Medicare Card, Senior Driver's License/State ID Card, Military ID Card or VA Veterans ID Card.

Transfers The COMET's main transfer points Harbison Road Walmart, Forest is at COMET Central, located Drive Sam's Club, Koon & Cody at Laurel and Sumter Streets in Downtown Columbia.

Innovative Mobility

The COMET Vanpool is designed to assist

employees to form vanpools for the home-

\$500 is available to help with the cost of the

vanpool. Commute With Enterprise provides

Counties. A minimum of 5 people, including

the primary driver is required for formation.

Visit www.commutewithenterprise.com or call

to-work commute. A monthly subsidy of

7, 12 and 15 passenger vans. Vans must

originate or end in Richland or Lexington

In addition, transfers can be

The COMET Vanpool

made at SuperStops located at

Drives, Garners Ferry Walmart, Crowson Road, Killian Road Walmart, Village at Sandhills, Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center,

>>> Fare Notes

• Exact change is required. Bus Operators do

for future use on The COMET. Pennies are

Interlined routes do not require an additional

• The COMETCard - \$2.00 for first card, \$5.00

for lost card. Use for transfers between buses

and to load 1-Day, 7-Day and 31-Day passes.

• The COMET employees, Board Members and

• SWRTA customers with a transfer receive one

customers with a DayPass or Transfer receive

on free transfer on SWRTA at joint stops only.

years old must have a The COMET Half Fare

unattended. Children under 10 years old must

have a fare paying customer age 16 or older.

40 students @ \$1.00 per ride). Purchase in

free. All other companions pay fare for their

free transfer on The COMET. The COMET

Children through 15 years old ride free.

• Children age 10 years or older can ride

• Class Pass - \$45.00 (Up to 5 adults and

• One personal care attendant (PCA) rides

Children taller than 39 inches through 15

Transit Operations Contractor employees ride

• The COMET Half Fare ID Card – first card is

free, lost card fee is \$5.00.

ID to ride free.

advance.

category.

not accepted on The COMET fareboxes.

not make change. If you pay too much in fare,

a change card will be issued from the farebox

Colony Apartments, Dutch Square Center, Harden and Taylor and Columbia Place Mall. Customers can also transfer between buses at locations where two or more The COMET routes meet.

>>> Passes

- Day Pass can be purchased on the bus and is valid for unlimited rides for a 24-hour period. If you ride three or more times, obtain a Day Pass as there are no transfers.
 - 7-Day Pass is valid for 7 consecutive days, 24-hour periods with no expiration date.
 - 31-Day Pass is valid for 31 consecutive days from for date of pass activation and is the best value. Day, 5-Day, 7-Day and 31-DayPasses utilize a

magnetic stripe technology which can track the use

and/or eligibility of the pass. When activating the pass for the first time, dip the pass into the farebox. When using the Day or 31-Day Pass for repeat rides, swipe the pass using the magnetic stripe reader. When using the 5 or 7-Day Pass or 10-Ride Pass for repeat rides, dip the pass into the farebox each time.

Pass Purchase Locations COMETCards, Day, 7-Day, and 31-Day Passes can be purchased:

• In person: All Piggly Wiggly Stores in Columbia, Eastover and Springdale Town Halls, Lowell C. Spires, Jr. Regional Transit Facility, 3613 Lucius Road and COMET Central, 1745 Sumter Street in Columbia



 On our website: www. CatchTheCOMET.org (credit card) On our App: Catch The COMET

from Google Play or App Store (credit card or cash wallet payable at **COMET Central**) By mail: The COMET, 3613 Lucius

Road, Columbia, SC (check, credit card or money order)

• On the bus: Day and 7-Day Passes (cash)

• All passes are non-refundable, non-replaceable and non-transferable. Businesses and organizations that purchase in bulk

can purchase Basic passes at Discount prices. Call (803) 255-7133 or email: info@CatchTheCOMET. org for more details.

The COMET Frequency Chart

to your final destination.

11

21

32

42

53X

57L

61

74

76

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84

91

93X

101

401

701

Broad River

1870 St. Andrews Express

Gamecock Express

Soda Cap Connector 1

Soda Cap Connector 2

Soda Cap Connector 3

Soda Cap 4 The Orbit

Sumter • :15 & :45

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

Sumter • :15 & :45

N/A

4:59 a.m. to 11:55 p.m.

N/A

4 hours before kick off,

2 hours after game

1 hour before game starts

to 1 hour after game ends

7:15 a.m. to 7:37 p.m.

1 hour before game starts

to 1 hour after game ends

7:15 a.m. to 7:37 p.m.

4:36 a.m. to 11:25 p.m.

(Sun-Wed)

• Bicycles: Bicycle racks are located

route buses. Racks are available

on a first come-first served basis.

Customers are responsible for

on the front of all The COMET fixed

loading and unloading bicycles, and use

due to customer demands or use of the

the racks at their own risk. Bicycles may be

brought on board buses on a space available

wheelchair space by a mobility device. Please

let the bus operator know when you need to

load or unload a bike. After you remove your

bicycle, please lift the rack up and step away

assumes no responsibility for damage or loss

from the bus. The COMET or its contractors

• Travel Training: New to transit? Learn how

to ride The COMET and plan your trip. Upon

completion of the training, you will receive

a free 10-Ride Pass. Call (803) 255-7133 or

e-mail info@CatchTheCOMET.org for more

• Travel Assitance: Need assistance in

basis, however, customers may be bumped

30/60

N/A

25-30

30

6:15 a.m. to 10:55 p.m.

1.5 hours before kick off,

1 hour after game

4 hours before kick off, 2

hours after game

9:03 a.m. to 11:57 p.m.

9:00 a.m. to 11:58 p.m.

1 hour before game starts

to 1 hour after game ends

9:15 a.m. to 6:37 p.m.

5:45 a.m. to 11:58 p.m.

Most The COMET routes are radial routes which begin

and end at COMET Central in downtown Columbia

or at a Superstop. Not all routes serve the COMET

Central and, in most cases, a customer would have to

ride at least two or more of The COMET routes to get

Connections to Other Services

- Contact the following providers listed below for transportation options in the Central Midlands:
- Amtrak: 1-800-USA-RAIL www.amtrak.com. Trains and buses depart from the Columbia Amtrak Station, 850 Pulaski St, Columbia, Columbia. • Greyhound: (800) 231-2222, en Espanol
- (800) 531-5332. www.greyhound.com Southeastern Stages: (877) 837.9709 www.southeasternstages.com Buses depart from 710-A Buckner Road, Columbia. For local information call (803) 569-6522.
 - MegaBus: (800) MEGA-BUS www. megabus.com. Buses depart from Lucius Road at Marboro Street bus shelter, Columbia.
- Fairfield County Transit System: (877) 311-4158

http://www.fairfieldsc.com/secondary.

aspx?page ID=268 • Santee Wateree RTA: (888) 748-4987

https://www.swrta.com/

• Carolina Shuttle: (803) 777-1080 - https:// www.sc.edu/about/offices and divisions/ parking/shuttles/index.php

This rider's guide and all transit Information is available in alternative and accessible languages and/or accessible formats. Please contact us to request for these formats.



Effective Monday, August 12, 2019







the body of the route and do not have DART

parallel service. Stops on these routes are

The chart below shows the span of service

(hours of operation) according to the day of

end points of the route.

generally available only at the beginning and

(how many minutes apart trips are scheduled for each bus route). The minutes listed are

approximate. Peak and off-peak service hours

vary by route. Please refer to individual route

schedules more specific details.

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All intervals shown in minutes. Times are first

The "L" routes circulate in an area that is local to that the week, and the frequency of each route pick up to last drop off. neighborhood. The "X" routes are express routes which operate non-stop or with limited stops along MONDAY-FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY **SPAN • FREQUENCY SPAN • FREQUENCY** SPAN • FREQUENCY **COMET CENTRAL** ROUTE NAME Operating hours • Minutes Departure Area • Time Operating hours • Minutes Operating hours • Minutes Eau Claire 5:57 a.m. to 8:32 p.m. 60 6:33 a.m. to 7:02 p.m. 6:33 a.m. to 7:02 p.m. Laurel • :15 60 60 Fairfield 5:45 a.m. to 10:01 p.m. 7:00 a.m. to 9:01 p.m. Laurel • :45 7:00 a.m. to 9:01 p.m. 6:15 a.m. to 10:06 p.m. 60 Laurel • :15 6:15 a.m. to 10:06 p.m. 60 60 6:15 a.m. to 9:15 p.m Edgewood 60 Sumter • :15 5:15 a.m. to 10:12 p.m. 7:15 a.m. to 8:12 p.m. 7:15 a.m. to 8:12 p.m. Rosewood N/A 6:40 a.m. to 7:37 p.m. 9:40 a.m. to 3:37 p.m. 60 9:40 a.m. to 3:37 p.m. 60 Harden Denny Terrace ReFlex 60 60 N/A 5:30 a.m. to 7:27 p.m. 60 5:30 a.m. to 7:27 p.m. 6:30 a.m. to 6:27 p.m. North Main/ N/A 6:30 a.m. to 8:25 p.m. 6:30 a.m. to 8:25 p.m. 6:30 a.m. to 8:25 p.m. Hardscrabble Millwood Sumter • :15 6:15 a.m. to 8:10 p.m. 6:15 a.m. to 7:10 p.m. 60 60 60 6:15 a.m. to 7:10 p.m. 60 N/A 30/60 Leesburg-Hazelwood 4:36 a.m. to 10:44 p.m. 6:45 a.m. to 8:44 p.m. 6:45 a.m. to 8:44 p.m. Lower Richland ReFlex N/A 6:35 a.m. to 7:58 p.m. 90 N/A No Service N/A No Service Eastover/Gadsden 9:36 a.m. to 3:26 p.m. N/A 5:36 a.m. to 7:26 p.m. 120 120 N/A No Service ReFlex 6:11 a.m. to 10:02 a.m./ 60 N/A N/A Killian Road Express Laurel • :11 No Service No Service 3:11 p.m. to 10:02 p.m. N/A 60 60 60 Sandhills 5:55 a.m. to 10:48 p.m. 6:55 a.m. to 9:48 p.m. 6:55 a.m. to 9:48 p.m. 6:55 a.m. to 9:25 p.m. 8:10 a.m. to 7:10 p.m. Killian/Clemson Local N/A No Service 60 60 Shop Sumter • :15 5:15 a.m. to 10:41 p.m. 7:15 a.m. to 8:41 p.m. 7:15 a.m. to 8:41 p.m. Hopkins ReFlex N/A 6:00 a.m. to 6:55 p.m. 60 N/A N/A No Service No Service 6:15 a.m. to 10:10 a.m./ 60 60 60 Harrison/Trenholm Laurel • :15 No Service No Service 3:15 p.m. to 7:10 p.m. Decker Road/Parkland N/A 5:51 a.m. to 11:14 p.m. 30/60 7:50 a.m. to 9:43 p.m. 60 7:50 a.m. to 9:43 p.m. 60 N/A 6:50 a.m. to 7:43 p.m. 120 120 Fort Jackson 5:50 a.m. to 9:43 p.m. 60/120 6:50 a.m. to 7:43 p.m. Polo N/A 120 120 120 5:50 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. 7:50 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. 7:50 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. N/A 60 60 60 St. Andrews Local 6:16 a.m. to 9:52 p.m. 8:16 a.m. to 8:52 p.m. 8:16 a.m. to 7:52 p.m. Bush River 60 6:15 a.m. to 9:24 p.m. 8:15 a.m. to 8:24 p.m. Sumter • :15 8:15 a.m. to 7:24 p.m. St. Andrews N/A 5:25 a.m. to 8:25 p.m. 120 9:25 a.m. to 5:25 p.m. 120 120 Beltline Crosstown 9:25 a.m. to 5:25 p.m. 60 N/A Springdale/Cayce Sumter • :15 5:15 a.m. to 8:11 p.m. 9:15 a.m. to 6:11 p.m. No Service 5:30 a.m. to 7:02 a.m. & 5:30 a.m. to 7:02 a.m. & 5:30 a.m. to 7:02 a.m. & 12th Street Extension Sumter • 5:30 p.m. to 7:02 p.m. 5:30 p.m. to 7:02 p.m. Trip 5:30 p.m. to 7:02 p.m. Trip **Express** 5:35 a.m. to 8:19 a.m. & I-26 Express Sumter • Variable One Trip No Service N/A No Service N/A 4:55 p.m. to 7:38 p.m. N/A 60 N/A West Columbia/Cayce 6:00 a.m. to 6:53 p.m. 60 9:00 a.m. to 4:53 p.m. No Service :15, :35, :55 (Weekday Peak) 4:55 a.m. to 11:08 p.m. North Main 5:45 a.m. to 10:08 p.m. 20/30/60 5:45 a.m. to 10:08 p.m. 30/60 :15 & :45 (Weekday Off Peak and Weekend) Farrow Sumter • :15 & :45 5:54 a.m. to 9:50 p.m 30/60 6:24 a.m. to 7:50 p.m. 60 7:15 a.m. to 7:50 p.m 60 30/60 6:15 a.m. to 9:10 p.m. Devine Sumter • :15 & :45 5:17 a.m. to 11:10 p.m. 6:15 a.m. to 9:10 p.m. Sumter • :15, :35, :55 (Weekday Peak) 20/30/60 30/60 6:15 a.m. to 10:11 p.m. 30/60 Two Notch 6:15 a.m. to 10:11 p.m. 5:55 a.m. to 11:11 p.m. :15 & :45 (Weekday Off Peak and Weekend) 30/60 60 Forest Sumter • :15 & :45 5:45 a.m. to 11:10 p.m. 7:15 a.m. to 10:10 p.m. 7:15 a.m. to 10:10 p.m.

Rules Of The Road Please observe the following rules when riding

The COMET buses or waiting at a The COMET transit stop, COMET Central or SuperStop: No smoking on buses, inside transit facilities or

- within 20 feet of the opening of a window or door at transit facilities. Eating and drinking is permitted provided that you dispose of the waste from eating or
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted on public transit buses under
- Federal law. No standing in front of the white or yellow 'standee" line, in doorways or stepwells while

the bus is in motion.

 If you are sitting in one of the front seats, be prepared to give up your seat as a courtesy to seniors and persons with disabilities. No unnecessary conversation or interference

with bus operator for safety reasons.

- No fighting, using vulgar or offensive language, pushing, shouting, or any behavior that disturbs or endangers other customers.
- All audio devices require the use of headphones. Amplified music is not allowed on buses or at transit facilities.
- No flammable, hazardous materials or weapons shall be allowed on board the bus (except oxygen). No large object that cannot be held by the
- customer or placed under seat. Customers are allowed up to three shopping bags, luggage or packages. Bus operators may provide assistance up to 25 pounds at their discretion. Customers must have a destination when riding The COMET buses. After two round

trips, customers may be requested to leave the

bus by the bus operator at the nearest transit center or major transfer point. All customers must pay a fare when boarding The COMET buses or they may be refused

boarding.

presented above.

- Posting of flyers, pamphlets or brochures on The COMET buses or transit facilities are not allowed. Contact the The COMET at (803) 255-7100 or email info@CatchTheCOMET.org in regard to advertising on The COMET buses. A person who commits an assault or battery upon a transit operator with a deadly weapon or presents the ability to use a deadly weapon
- is subject to a felony. The COMET, its security personnel, local police, Main Street District Ambassador, authorized personnel or its transit operations contractor reserve the right to refuse service to customers and/or suspend customers who demonstrate disruptive and unsafe behavior or violate any of the rules and regulations
- Any person violating the provisions of SC Law Section 58-23-1810 (Public Transportation Passenger Rights Act) is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction for a first offense must be imprisoned for not more than 30 days or fined not more than \$200, for a second offense, imprisoned for not more than 60 days or fined not more than \$500, or both, and for a third or subsequent offense, imprisoned for not more than 90 days or fined not more than \$1,000, or both.

>> Weather - Stay Cool in the Heat

 Customers waiting at transit stops should prepare for the excessive temperatures, especially since many fixed routes generally operate every 60

 Bring water, wear a hat or use an umbrella, dress for summer—light-colored clothing, and slow down, take your time.

the doors when they open. On very hot days, The COMET will provide free water to customers when temperatures exceed 105 degrees.

The COMET On The Go!

posted inside the bus.

1-800-VAN-4-WORK to sign up.

The COMET will pay up to \$5.00 for ridesharing trips that start and end in The COMET fixed route service area on Lyft and Uber through: • COMET @ Night: Seven days a week between 9

p.m. and 3 a.m., apply the promo code which is

 COMET To The Market: Seven days a week between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., apply the promo code COMETMARKET18 on Lyft or Uber and your trip must start or end at a grocery store that sells fresh produce and meats. COMET To The Market can only be used twice a week per passenger. Contact The COMET as it changes monthly. Visit www.CatchTheCOMET.org for a list of approved stores.

Anything over \$5.00 is the responsible of the passenger. The code must be entered to receive the discount. Trips outside the service area or to non-authorized grocery stores are not eligible for the discount. To get started, download the Uber and Lyft app from App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android). If you do not have a smartphone or require mobility device access, call (803) 255-7124 for service.

Blue Bike provides on-demand access to bicycles for short distance trips in Downtown Columbia. The COMET riders with a 1-day. 5-day, 7-day, 31-day or 10-Ride pass can receive unlimited 45-minute Blue Bike ride sessions in a day, by asking the bus operator for a code to input in a kiosk or on the app, Blue Bike SC to unlock the bicycle at 25 stations in downtown Columbia. Stations are identified by a bicycle icon on the map. More details available by downloading the Blue Bike SC app from App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android) or visiting www.bluebikesc.com. A credit card, pre-paid gift card or debit card with Visa or Mastercard logo is required to use Blue Bike and The COMET On The Go. For more information on these innovative mobility choices, please call (803) 255-7100 or email info@CatchTheCOMET.org

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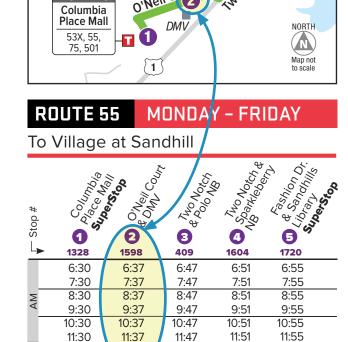
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>>> Planning Your Trip

This system map shows The COMET bus routes in colors. Locate your starting point, your destination and the bus route nearest them on the map. If the bus route nearest your starting point does not go to your destination, you may transfer to another local route.

The COMET provides individual route schedule brochures to further assist you in your travel plans. Each route brochure has its own map and corresponding schedule. When looking at the route schedule, you will see the major timepoints listed across the top of the schedule. Above each timepoint is a number which corresponds with a number on the route map to show you that timepoint's exact location. There are more stops than those listed on the schedule and map, but by finding the nearest stop listed on the schedule, you can estimate when the bus will reach your stop.

Call (803) 255-7100 and our customer representatives will help you plan your trip and mail schedules for your specific routes, or visit www. **CatchTheCOMET.org** and use the trip planner powered by Google, Apple and Bing Maps. You can also track a COMET bus by downloading the TransLoc Rider app on your smartphone to see in real time when the bus is due to arrive at your transit stop.



12:47

12:55

>>> Special Services for Persons with Disabilities

Dial-A-Ride Transit (DART)

DART is the complementary Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit service for persons with disabilities unable to board The COMET buses or access a transit stop for any trip purpose. In order to use DART, customers must complete an ADA Certification Application. DART operates the same service hours as The COMET non-express fixed routes. Customers must board, travel and alight within 3/4 mile of an operating The COMET route. Please see the system map for DART service boundary. For more information about DART, including trip reservations, cancellations and certification, call (803) 255-7123, visit our website or see the DART Information Guide or Rider's Guide. Fare is \$4.00 one way with 10-Ride Pass available for sale.

Accessibility

All The COMET vehicles are fully equipped with mobility aid ramp or a lift and a mobility aid securement area with space for two to four mobility aids. The bus operator will provide assistance with normal boarding or exiting, mobility device securement and operation of the lift/ramp. Bus operators are required to secure

all mobility aids before the bus can leave the transit

Customers using a scooter may be asked to transfer to a seat on the bus. All mobility aids must be able to fit within the allocated space, have working brakes and cannot exceed the capacity of the lift/ramp (with the customer and mobility aid). If the mobility aid cannot fit the lift/ramp platform, the customer will not be able to ride. Mobility aids with leaking batteries or fluids will not be allowed to board.

All The COMET larger fixed route buses can kneel by lowering the front platform for easier boarding for customers with mobility limitations. Please let the bus operator know if you need to use the bus kneeling feature upon boarding or exiting. If necessary, Bus operators can provide assistance to help seniors and persons with disabilities board or alight buses.

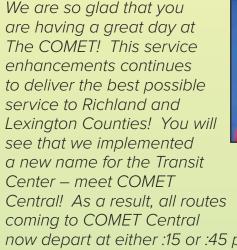
Alternative Transportation Policy:

If a The COMET bus has a non-functioning ramp or lift upon arrival of pick up, another vehicle or supervisor vehicle will be dispatched to you within 30 minutes upon receipt of the call and take you to your destination for free. To check on alternative transportation or status, please call (803) 255-7100.

The COMET wants you to stay safe and keep your cool as you travel to your destination. Please take care as we reach extreme, humid temperatures in the summer months.

 Have your fare ready, and remember to board the bus quickly as heat escapes inside the bus from





comments, thoughts or critiques.

Thanks for Catching The COMET!



now depart at either :15 or :45 past the hour to make your trip time faster. We continue to make the timetables easier to read. Pick up a Green Timetable. You will see 20 minute service on The 501 along Two Notch Road, the busiest route in The COMET system, Saturday service in Eastover, more ReFlex routes with the ability to reserve service 2 hours in advance and improved service in northwestern Lexington County with better service to Columbiana Center. This is just a host of things to make The COMET, fast, fun, friendly and frequent! As always, you are important to me. Reach out day or night if you have any



The COMET is a service of the Central

Midlands Regional Transportation Authority and transit services are provided under contract to Transdev Services, Inc of Lombard, Illinois.



The COMET provides fixed route, ReFlex flex route and DART paratransit services throughout Richland and Lexington Counties. Connections are available to Megabus, Greyhound, Southeastern Stages, Fairfield County Transit System and Santee Wateree RTA bus services for intercounty travel.

>>> Service Hours

>>> Service Area

• Monday-Friday: 4:50 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. • Saturday: 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. • Sunday and Holidays: 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. See timetables for details on exact times.

>> Holiday Schedule

>>> How to Ride The COMET

• Transit Stops: The COMET buses only stop at signed transit stops. Flag stops are permitted only on Route 47 and 76. A complete transit stop list for each route is available on our website at www.CatchTheCOMET.org. Some transit stops have benches, shelters, trash cans and cart corrals.

• Catching the Bus: Be at the transit stop, 5 minutes before the scheduled departure. Make sure the bus operator can see you. Check the headsign on the front, curbside and rear of the bus to ensure you board the correct route. When boarding at night, wear bright clothing and flash the bus operator with

• Paying your Fare: Be ready to pay your fare or present your pass when you board. Bus operators cannot make change. Should you overpay, a change card will be issued for future use on The COMET.

are not familiar with the area, ask the bus operator for assistance. Please do not cross in front of the bus when exiting and do not forget your bicycle if you have one!

>>> Riding Tips

DART

For The COMET inclement weather and service interruption information, please visit call (803) 255-7118 or check The COMET website, Facebook or Twitter (CatchTheCOMET) for updates.

• Track The COMET: Text The COMET and the bus stop number on the sign to 41411 to get real time information sent to your phone! Example: COMET 266 in a text message to 41411. You can also download the Transloc Rider App to track buses in real time, or visit **thecomet.transloc.com** • **Reflex Routes 31, 46, 47 and 62:** On these routes, you can request to be picked up or

dropped off at locations between regularly schedule transit stops within the designated zone. For deviated drop off, if you board at a timepoint, just ask your Bus Operator. To be picked up, call DART at (803) 255-7123, to reserve a time slot for pickup at least 2 hours in advance. Please call ahead to cancel if the deviation is no longer needed to allow another person the opportunity

operator can stop at a location that is closer to your final destination rather than the regular stop. The bus operator will determine where it is safe to pull over.

has been retrieved. The COMET or its contractors are not responsible for lost or stolen items on board its vehicles. Items not retrieved within 30 days will be donated to local charity or disposed

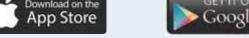
planning your trip? Visit www.CatchTheCOMET.org and use the

to the bicycle.

information.

trip planner powered by Google, Apple and Bing Maps or call (803) 255-7100. • Download the App: You can also track The

COMET bus by downloading the TransLoc Rider app on your smartphone to see in real time when the bus is due to arrive at your transit stop. In addition, the Catch The COMET app powered by Passport allows you to purchase bus passes and plan your trip.





6:15 a.m. to 9:55 p.m.

N/A

4 hours before kick off, 2

hours after game

9:03 a.m. to 5:57 p.m.

9:00 a.m. to 5:58 p.m.

1 hour before game starts

to 1 hour after game ends

9:15 a.m. to 6:37 p.m.

5:45 a.m. to 10:11 p.m.

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Soda Cap Connector

the University of South Carolina.

This fun and festive service connects many

popular downtown Columbia destinations,

including West Columbia, Cayce, the Main

Street District, The Vista, Five Points as well as

Segra Park, Allen and Benedict Colleges and

Service operates every 30 minutes on three

p.m., and Thursday–Saturday 9:00 a.m. to

a Soda Cap type sign to board this service.

routes, Sunday–Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00

Midnight. Best of all, the route is FREE! Look for

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Sunday service is provided on New Years Day, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day. No service is provided on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. A Saturday schedule operates on the Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Now that you know where you're going and

which route is needed to get there, how do you ride the The COMET buses? Don't worry riding with the The COMET is easy – and just one of the many reasons that makes public transportation a quick and convenient option for getting around town.



a light.

• Exiting the Bus: When you see your destination or transfer point, signal the bus operator, by pulling the cord near the window, pushing the yellow strip or calling out "next stop". Please provide enough notice, so that the bus operator can stop safely. If you

Inclement Weather & Service Interruption:

• **Night Owl:** At night, upon request, the bus

• Lost and Found: If you leave an item on The COMET bus, please call (803) 253-7100 to see if it

• Animals on The COMET: Service animals are welcome. Non-service animals may travel on the

bus if secured in a cage or muzzle. Animals that

animal having to alight the bus at the next transit

are disruptive may result in the customer and

stop or safe alighting area.













